



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:)
Balmer et al.) Examiner: Lam, Cathy Fong Fong
Serial No.: 09/977,175) Art Unit: 1775
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For: THREE DIMENSIONAL) Docket No.: 0111
WELDING ROD AND SURFACE)
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 1, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: None

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both attached replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing the changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 13 of this paper.